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NOTES AND QUERIES.

TALIAFERRO.—Information wanted of the parentage of Mary Taliaferro, who married Lawrence Catlett, of Culpeper county, Va. Lawrence C. died 1782, leaving wife Mary (Taliaferro), and children, viz., (1) Mary, m. first, Dr. Lawrence Yates; second, Major Reuben Zimmerman; (2) Kemp, m. Sally Pierce; (3) Thomas; (4) Sarah, m. Robert Toombs; (5) Nancy, m. David (?) Chevis; (6) George (died young). The writer knows, from an old letter, that Lawrence's wife was born a Taliaferro—the letter says—of King George county, Va., but that may be an error. After examining many wills and deeds in the various counties concerned, the writer believes said Mary to have been the daughter of John Taliaferro, who died 1750, leaving nuncupative will on file at Spotsylvania Courthouse, Va., and Mary Hannon (?) his wife. Their daughter Mary was a minor in 1752. This John Taliaferro's son John was of Dissington, King George county, and the said Mary his sister may have been of his family. The writer hopes for complete proof from some descendant of Lawrence Catlett and Mary his wife. Correspondence solicited. Address Mrs. D. A. E., Cor. Nineteenth and G Streets, Washington, D. C.

SEALS OF SIR WALTER RALEIGH.—Among the presents to the College this session having a historic value, the electrotypes of the original seals of Sir Walter Raleigh, given by Capt. W. Gordon McCabe, President of the Virginia Historical Society, deserve mention. There are three of these electrotypes—one representing Raleigh's family seal, another his seal as Lord Warden of the Stannaries, and the third as Governor of Virginia. The originals are in the British Museum.

AMERICANS OF ROYAL DESCENT.—I am preparing a new edition (the sixth) of this book, and will be pleased to hear from any one interested in it, and as to any corrections, or additions to the royal descents already printed. In the new issue of this work I will give the reasons why some royal descents, which have long gone unchallenged, are unworthy of reproduction, because of want of sufficient or any evidence substantiating the claims; of errors in statements directly affecting claims, made apparent by recently discovered evidence, and of descent from royalty

only through illegitimate children. These pedigrees will not be simply queried, but will be shown in many cases to have been untenable assumptions. Amongst the alleged royal descents which I have found after more thorough investigations, or by light of newly discovered original records, which lack the essentials of a "pedigree," are: In Massachusetts, Adams (Braintree), Brown (Salem), Cotton (Newburyport), Charleton (Rowley), Converse (Woburn), Dudley (Roxbury), Harlakenden (Boston), Lynde (Boston), Leonard (Taunton), Lyman (Northampton), Norton (Chilmark), Prescott (Lancaster), Symonds (Ipswich), Sears (Yarmouth), Temple (Boston), Warren ("Mayflower"), Warren (Watertown), Whiting (Lynn), Whitney (Watertown). In Connecticut: Chauncey, Gallup, Lake, Pierpont, Tuthill, Tracy, Wyllys. In Rhode Island: William Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Cranston, Greene, Stafford, Wilkinson. In New York: Alexander, Astor, Barclay, Clarkson, Livingston, Lawrence, Van Rensselaer, Zborowski. In Pennsylvania, Balbirnie, Buchanan, Cope, Dixon, Graham, Logan, McCall, McKinnon, Moore (Wemyss), Ridgway, Wallace, Wynne. In Maryland: Courtney, Calvert (Mt. Airy), Goldsborough, Ord, Towson, Weems. In Virginia: Alexander, John Bacon, "King Carter," Churchill, Conway, Fleming, Goode, Hume, Hamilton, Harris, Lindsay, Peyton, Randolph, Sinclair, Spotswood, Willoughby, Wyatt, and Mar, of Maine; Nesmith and Sinclair, of New Hampshire; Kirkpatrick and Wallace, of New Jersey; Navarre, of Michigan, and Alston, of North Carolina.—*Charles H. Browning, Ardmore P. O., Montgomery Co., Pa.*